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AMENDMENT

M/S GROUP ART UNIT 2172
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated May 23, 2003 (Paper No. 10) for which a response was due on August 23, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 23, 2003. As such, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 22 of this paper and include twenty attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this paper.